

DROOP MOUNTAIN COMMISSION REPORT

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| Wm. M. Hours, Private..... | D | Gunshot wound through right arm above and below elbow |
| Mortimore Stalnaker, Sergt.... | E | Gunshot wound through little finger |
| John Forrester, Private..... | D | Gunshot wound right hand |
| James H. Dodd, Corporal..... | E | Gunshot wound in left knee joint retained |
| Wm. M. Barnett, Private..... | F | Gunshot wound through right leg near knee joint |
| John Blagg, Private..... | F | Gunshot wound right ankle, serious involving joint |
| Newlon Squires, Private..... | F | Gunshot wound top of right shoulder |
| E. B. Wheeler, Private..... | F | Gunshot wound through left shoulder |
| Jacob Riffle, Private..... | F | Gunshot wound through left arm, shattered humerus |
| Silas M. Morrison, Private..... | F | Gunshot wound through both arms |
| Addison Wilson, Private..... | F | Gunshot wound through middle, ring and little fingers |
| George C. Gillispie, Private...F | F | Gunshot wound through left leg |
| Milton Rollyson, Private..... | F | Gunshot wound through left forearm |
| John Rollyson, Private..... | F | Gunshot wound through middle finger right hand |
| Coleman Wyant, Private..... | G | Gunshot wound in abdomen, flesh wound |
| M. A. Jeffries, Corporal..... | G | Gunshot wound in left thigh |
| Nimrod Weiss, Private..... | H | Gunshot wound in right side, perforating bowels |
| James M. Randle, Private..... | H | Gunshot wound in left thigh, lower third, flesh wound |

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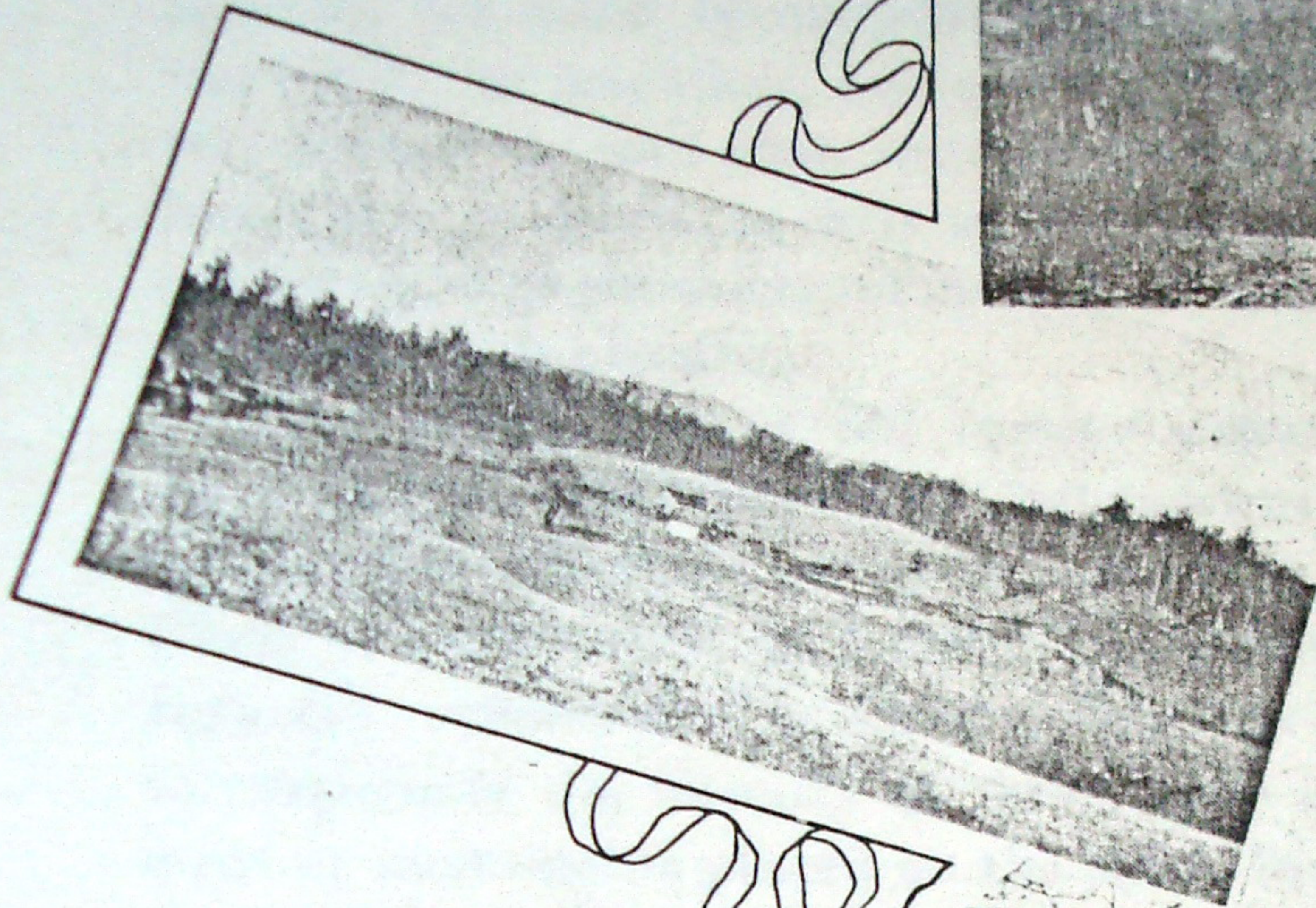
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| B. Curry, Sergeant..... | A | Gunshot in head |
| G. I. Shaw, Private..... | A | Gunshot mortally |
| Chas. Bryson, Private..... | D | Gunshot in head |
| M. Shriever, Private..... | E | Gunshot mortally |
| John D. Baxter, O. S..... | F | Gunshot in bowels |
| Coleman Channel, Captain.... | H | Gunshot mortally |
| David Sanders, Private..... | H | Gunshot mortally |
| Wesley Pullens, Private..... | H | Gunshot mortally |

Five killed and twenty-one wounded in 28th Ohio; their orderly sergeant, Company F, killed.

Since attention has been called to the Droop Mountain Battlefield great interest has been shown all over the State, and being situated as it is on one of the paved highways of the State, no greater attraction can be shown than the great scenic views of the mountains and rivers, and the rich valley, lying at its base, together with the battlefield, will make Droop Mountain one of the nation's leading attractions, and will advertise West Virginia, as nothing else could do.

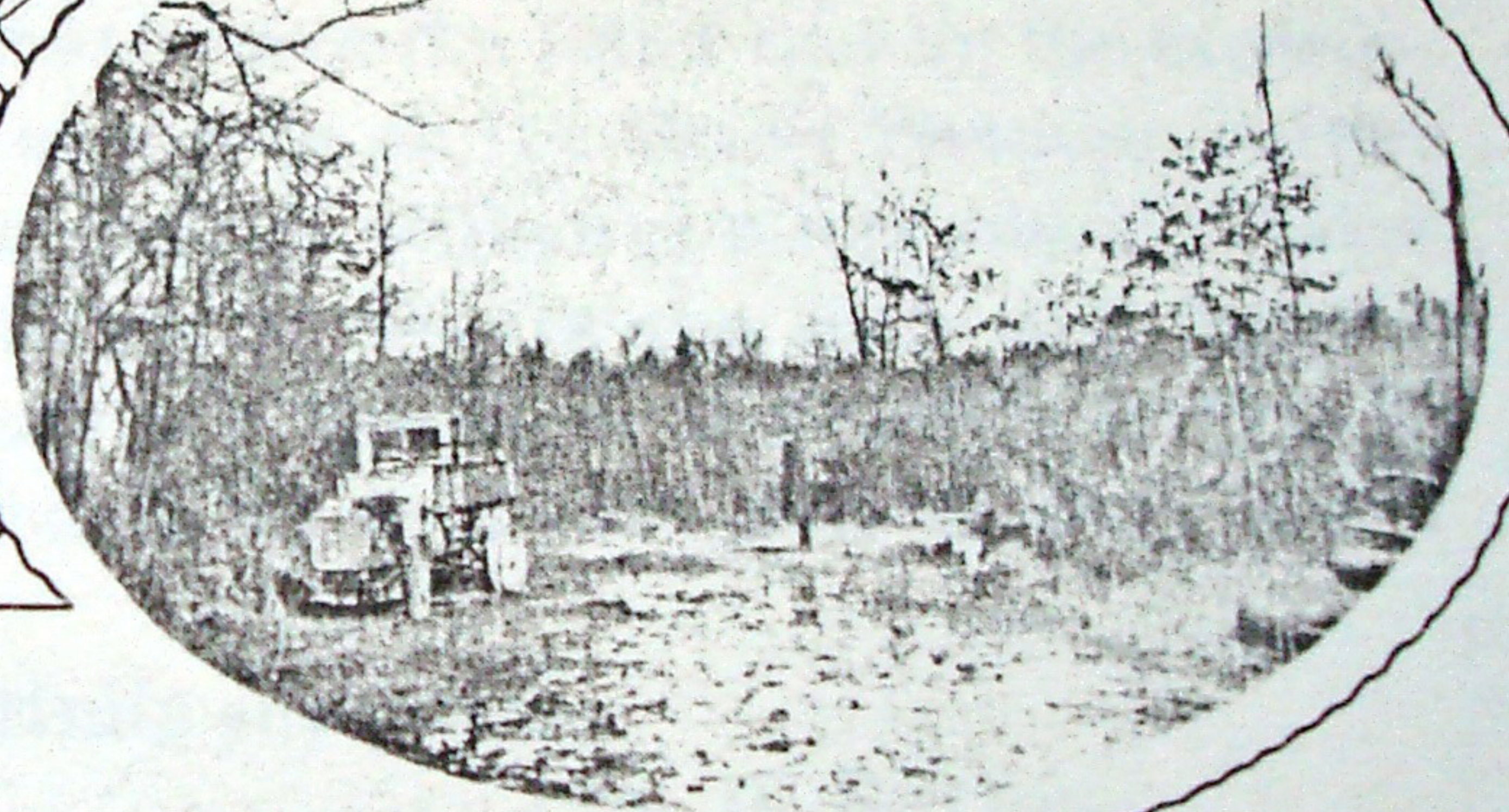
We wish to call your attention to the fact that the effort that is being put forth for the development and beautifying the battlefield has met the hearty response of every old soldier, living of either army, and has the universal approval of the citizens of the State,

LOCUST CREEK FROM
BREAST WORKS

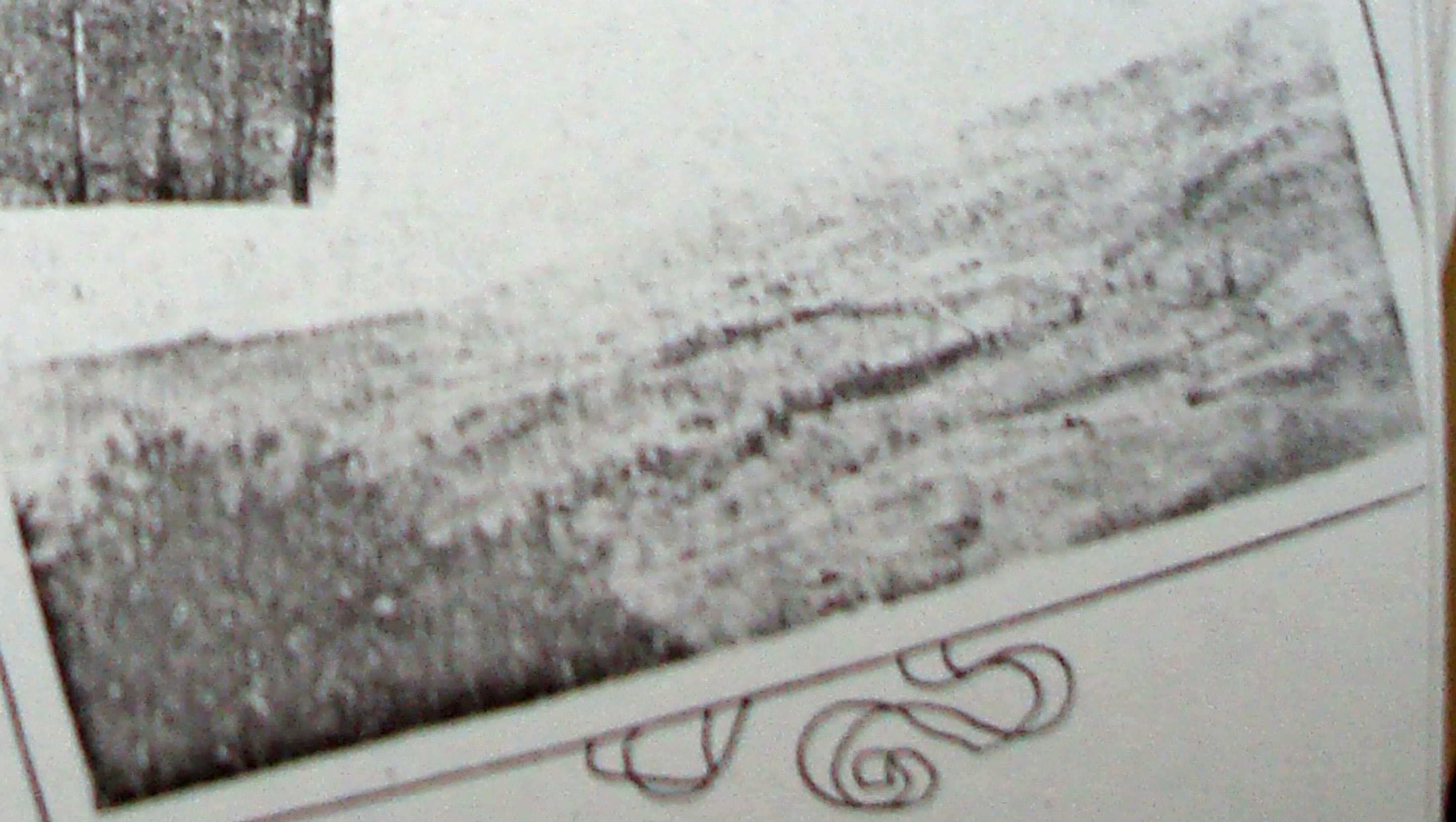


MCCARTY FARM, SHOWING
GORE'S GROVE AND
STATE ROAD #24.

MARKER ON OLD ROAD,
WHERE MAJOR BAILEY FELL
WHILE TRYING TO RALLY THE
22ND VIRGINIA INFANTRY.
STATE ROAD # 24.



EWING'S BATTERY, 320 POLES
EAST OF LURTY'S BATTERY, BY
GROVE OF TREES.



LOOKING FROM BREAST WORKS
TO HILLSBORO, SHOWING YANKEE
FLATS, AND WHITE HOUSE TO LEFT,
GENERAL AVERELL'S HEADQUARTERS
ON NIGHT BEFORE THE BATTLE.

the West Virginia Historical Society at a recent meeting, held in Charleston, passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That we, the West Virginia Historical Society earnestly commend the Droop Mountain Battle Field Commission for their labors and zeal, in acquiring title to the land on which the battle was fought, and for the work that has been done and the effort that is being made for the improvement and beautifying one of the greatest natural scenic views of the State; and that funds should be appropriated to carry on the work that the Commission has begun.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society are hereby extended to Governor Gore for the aid he has given the Battlefield Commission in its work, and

Resolved, further, That the memory of the brave men, of both armies, who fought the memorable battle of Droop Mountain, should be perpetuated for all time by monuments and parks, and the battle's history, and that the State should no longer neglect this historic battlefield in beautifying a spot, drenched with the blood of her own sons, around which cluster so many sacred memories of the dead."

Your Commission further reports that the land optioned is not complete, nor can it be made so, without acquiring the fifteen acres reserved. This your commission would recommend should be done, at a reasonable price, to be agreed upon by the parties in interest.

We wish to call special attention to the topography of the mountain. There is a straight ridge running north and south, through the greater part of the land optioned. This ridge is smooth and rises to the north and would make a fine field for airplanes to operate.

Another matter of special interest is an ancient lake that was discovered by the Chairman of your Commission. Its outline is plainly marked and shows it to have been a magnificent lake of water, but the countless ages have encroached upon its shores, until it is covered over with elder brush, moss and vines. Its waters flow out from the end of the lake, and with two small fills would, in all probability, be sufficient to impound the waters, to a depth of several feet, and a driveway around the lake would be about one mile in length, and we believe that the magnitude of the lake, covering about fifteen acres, would support millions of mountain trout.

Your Commission would recommend that the land optioned should be purchased and a deed obtained and the title to the fifteen

acres reserved should also be obtained and that an appropriation of \$35,000.00 may be made for the payment of the lands and to carry on the work of improvement as rapidly as possible, and we would further recommend that the marketable timber on the lands be sold and that the ridge, hereinbefore referred to, should be made accessible for flying machines; and also that the water of the lake should be impounded; and that suitable driveways and other attractive features be prepared as early as possible and that ultimately a great park may be established and maintained that would be equal at least to those in other states.

Your Commission would further recommend that your Excellency call the attention of the Governors of Pennsylvania and Ohio to the very valuable service rendered by the 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry, commanded by Colonel Schoonmaker, and the 28th Ohio Infantry, commanded by Colonel Moor, as these states might desire to perpetuate the memory of those brave men by a suitable monument or monuments placed on the battle lines where they fought.

Your Commission here expresses the belief that by the expenditure of a reasonable sum of money on the Droop Mountain Battlefield that it would become such an attractive resort and of a value to the State beyond estimation in dollars and cents, and that the same would produce a patriotic sentiment that would forever be blended and clustered around the field that holds so many sacred memories.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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